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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
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FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Family Group Luncheon Meeting

At the Family Group Luncheon today, the Secretary of State gave us a rundown of his talks with the new Soviet foreign minister at Helsinki. His impression is that the Soviets are taking a business-like tone and that they are open to serious discussion in these areas:

- CDE. Here they will push the non-use of force and perhaps be ready to wind up with something between that and our confidence building proposals.
- Non-proliferation understandings.
- Limitation on nuclear testing. On this, the Secretary brought out at our luncheon that he understands that intelligence has revised its estimate of the kilotonnage in recent Soviet tests. Weinberger said that this estimate is not agreed to by all elements of the Government. I explained that there are differences and that we are awaiting the completion of a DIA study before making a definitive estimate.
- MBFR. Shultz said that here again he understands that the Intelligence Community had made a downward revision of its estimate of Soviet troops. He also said that the British and French were pushing to withdraw the longstanding demand for data as a first step and would probably push to go directly for an agreement.
- Chemical weapons limitations.
- Before the November meeting of the chiefs of state there will be regional meetings on Southeast Asia, i.e. Cambodia, and possibly a meeting on Central America. These meetings would be similar to the ones that have already been held on Afghanistan pursuant to what I believe is the understanding of the Gromyko meeting that we would enter into a series of bilaterals on regional issues.

As for Geneva itself, the agenda will consist of three items: arms control, regional issues and bilateral issues. We want to put a fourth subject on the agenda--human rights. The Soviets are presently demurring on this on the basis that it is an internal matter. Shultz told them there is no way they could have a meeting without the President bringing up human rights, but if they didn't want to respond, that would be their problem.


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